



FW: Addressing letters to the Board of Supervisors

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To : "vshelby@co.slo.ca.us" <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us>
Cc :
Sent on : 06/04 09:57:09 AM PDT
Subject : Re: Addressing letters to the Board of Supervisors

Ms. Shelby, here is our letter that we would like to have it distributed to all Supervisors. The original letter will be coming in the mail as soon as we can print it in color. If you have any questions, please call me or return this e-mail. Thank You ever so much for the help.

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On Tue, 6/2/15, vshelby@co.slo.ca.us <vshelby@co.slo.ca.us> wrote:

Subject: Addressing letters to the Board of Supervisors
To: john2972@sbcglobal.net
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2015, 9:12 AM

Good Morning Mr. Irwin,

It was very nice to speak
to you this

morning. Addressing a letter to the full Board usually is titled:

"Dear Chairperson
Debbie Arnold
and Supervisors,"

The other Supervisors are
Frank Mecham,
Bruce Gibson, Adam Hill, Lynn Compton

the letter can be mailed to
the address
below or can be emailed to me and I am happy to distribute
it.

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"Thinking a smile all the time will keep your face
youthful"
- Frank G. Burgess

"Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have
been" - Mark
Twain

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Date: June 3, 2015

Dear Chairperson, Debbie Arnold and Supervisors

Subject: Financing Health and Human Services, Veterans Service Department and Veterans Service Officers, North County.

As you move forward in your consideration of the upcoming Health and Human Services Budget for the coming year, we request that you please consider the significant needs of our county's active military and veterans, as well as their families.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and American Legion (AL) in Paso Robles are dedicated to serving the United States military, veterans and their families. We, in the North County, have worked closely with the Veteran's Service Department and the Veteran's Service Officers (VSO) to serve the needs of all who come to us seeking assistance. The personnel who work each day at our Paso Robles, Veterans Building have been and continue to do a commendable job and, at times, taking their own personal time to serve the needs of those who may have nowhere else to go. It is often easy to overlook the hardships, stress and medical issues of those who have served in our military: For example: Many more women in the military or who have recently left the military are faced with unique issues, stresses and experiences with which they do not know how to cope or resolve. Having a trained, Veteran Service Officer who is a woman provides someone with whom she can confide and who can provide a better level of comfort and understanding. Whether it's a man or women service officer or one of our VFW or AL volunteers there is someone to whom they can turn.

As additional military personnel and veterans become aware of the services provided, our need for service officers continues to grow. In Paso Robles, appointments have already been scheduled well into July and more are being scheduled each day. The year to year demand has grown and is expected to continue into the foreseeable future. Within the past (6) months, (176) new clients have been added in the North County. One third (1/3) of all new clients served by the VSO are in the north county, Paso Robles area. There are about (4420) veterans in the north county Paso Robles area. This is about (27%) of all veterans served by the main VSO office.

There is a real and viable need in the north county and it is important for us to continue to realize how and where we can best serve. Our Veteran's Memorial building in Paso Robles is a location known to many and it is our objective to do all we can to continue to serve those in need. Please help us and other locations in the county to do that.

We are sending this letter in the hope that we can reassure you that there is a serious and growing need for all of us to continue to do whatever is needed to respect and serve our military, past, present, and future. We ask that you also see the serious need to fully fund the Health and Human Services programs that provide for our military and veterans in our county. If there is anything we can do to provide additional information or understanding, please let us know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Original Signed

Bob Chaney-Commander
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10965

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John Erwin-Commander,
American Legion Paso Robles Post 50

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Dana Cummings, Veterans Service Office, County of San Luis Obispo,*